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Obama leads by 4 in Colorado

Raleigh, N.C. – PPP's newest Colorado poll finds Barack Obama's position improving slightly in the state after his debate victory this week. He now leads Mitt Romney 51-47, up from a 50-47 spread last week.

Colorado voters think Obama was the winner of Monday night's debate by a 51/38 margin, and it seems to be having a positive impact on his approval numbers. 51% of voters give him good marks to 47% who disapprove, up from a 49/49 spread last week. Romney's favorability numbers are unchanged from a week ago with 48% of voters rating him favorably and 49% unfavorably. Voters trust Obama more on both the economy (50/46) and Libya (53/44) than they do Romney.

Obama has a 51/43 lead with independents. Beyond that his advantage is being driven by large margins with women (54/44), Hispanics (65/34), and young voters (60/35). Romney's main areas of support are with men (49/47), whites (52/46), and seniors (56/41).

When Gary Johnson's included he gets just 2%. He's polled at higher levels over the course of the year but this is what tends to happen with third party candidates as the election gets closer- their support evaporates. That's why we have tended not to include Johnson in most of our polling over the course of the year. Johnson draws slightly more from Obama than Romney, leaving the President ahead 49-46 when he's in the mix.

“Barack Obama continues to be the favorite in Colorado,” said Dean Debnam, President of Public Policy Polling. “His strong support with independents, Hispanics, and young voters in the state may put him over the top.”

Colorado's amendment to legalize marijuana continues to lead for passage with 53% of voters saying they plan to support it to 43% who are opposed. This plays out very much as a generational issue with voters under 30 favoring it 73/25, while seniors oppose it 38/55. Every age group except seniors supports the amendment, and it has a 58/36 advantage with independents.

PPP surveyed 904 likely voters from October 23rd to 25th. The margin of error for the survey is +/-3.3%. This poll was not paid for or authorized by any campaign or political organization. PPP surveys are conducted through automated telephone interviews.



Colorado Survey Results

Q1 Do you approve or disapprove of President Barack Obama's job performance?

Approve 51%
Disapprove..... 47%
Not sure 2%

Q2 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Mitt Romney?

Favorable..... 48%
Unfavorable 49%
Not sure 3%

Q3 The candidates for President are Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. If the election was today, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Mitt Romney..... 47%
Undecided..... 2%

Q4 Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of Gary Johnson?

Favorable..... 10%
Unfavorable 13%
Not sure 76%

Q5 If the candidates for President this year were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican Mitt Romney, and Libertarian Gary Johnson, who would you vote for?

Barack Obama..... 49%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Gary Johnson 2%
Undecided..... 2%

Q6 Amendment 64 is an amendment to the Colorado constitution concerning marijuana, and, in connection therewith, providing for the regulation of marijuana; permitting a person twenty-one years of age or older to consume or possess limited amounts of marijuana; providing for the licensing of cultivation facilities, product manufacturing facilities, testing facilities, and retail stores; permitting local governments to regulate or prohibit such facilities; requiring the general assembly to enact an excise tax to be levied upon wholesale sales of marijuana; requiring that the first \$40 million in revenue raised annually by such tax be credited to the public school capital construction assistance fund; and requiring the general assembly to enact legislation governing the cultivation, processing, and sale of industrial hemp. If the election was today, would you vote for or against Amendment 64?

For 53% *Undecided*..... 5%
Against..... 43%

Q7 In general, do you think marijuana usage should be legal or illegal?

Legal..... 53% *Not sure* 6%
Illegal 42%

Q8 Who do you think won the final Presidential debate: Barack Obama or Mitt Romney?

Barack Obama..... 51%
Mitt Romney..... 38%
Not sure 10%

Q9 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of the economy?

Barack Obama..... 50%
Mitt Romney..... 46%
Not sure 3%





Q10 Do you trust Barack Obama or Mitt Romney more on the issue of Libya?

Barack Obama..... 53%
Mitt Romney..... 44%
Not sure 2%

Q11 If there was an election for the state legislature today, would you vote Democratic or Republican?

Democratic.....48% *Not sure*10%
Republican.....42%

Q12 Are you very excited, somewhat excited, or not at all excited about voting in the 2012 elections?

Very excited64% *Not at all excited* 9%
Somewhat excited .27%

Q13 Would you describe yourself as very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, or very conservative?

Very liberal..... 9%
Somewhat liberal 19%
Moderate..... 31%
Somewhat conservative..... 26%
Very conservative 15%

Q14 If you are a woman, press 1. If a man, press 2.

Woman 50%
Man..... 50%

Q15 If you are a Democrat, press 1. If a Republican, press 2. If you are an independent or identify with another party, press 3.

Democrat 37%
Republican..... 36%
Independent/Other..... 26%

Q16 If you are Hispanic, press 1. If white, press 2. If other, press 3.

Hispanic..... 14%
White 77%
Other..... 8%

Q17 If you are 18 to 29 years old, press 1. If 30 to 45, press 2. If 46 to 65, press 3. If you are older than 65, press 4.

18 to 29..... 14%
30 to 45..... 29%
46 to 65..... 37%
Older than 65..... 20%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama Approval						
Approve	51%	87%	86%	65%	20%	10%
Disapprove	47%	13%	13%	32%	78%	90%
Not sure	2%	-	1%	4%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Romney Favorability						
Favorable	48%	15%	18%	30%	79%	89%
Unfavorable	49%	82%	81%	65%	19%	11%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney						
Barack Obama	51%	86%	86%	66%	19%	10%
Mitt Romney	47%	14%	13%	29%	79%	89%
Undecided	2%	-	1%	5%	1%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Johnson Favorability						
Favorable	10%	5%	14%	12%	6%	12%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	14%	11%	14%	18%
Not sure	76%	84%	72%	77%	79%	70%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Obama/Romney/Johnson						
Barack Obama	49%	84%	87%	62%	19%	10%
Mitt Romney	46%	14%	11%	30%	75%	87%
Gary Johnson	2%	-	1%	2%	3%	3%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	-

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Amendment 64						
For	53%	79%	73%	55%	41%	26%
Against	43%	19%	22%	41%	53%	69%
Undecided	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%	4%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Marijuana Use						
Legal/Illegal						
Legal	53%	79%	69%	55%	42%	29%
Illegal	42%	19%	24%	40%	50%	68%
Not sure	6%	2%	7%	5%	8%	3%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Who Won Debate ?						
Barack Obama	51%	87%	84%	66%	21%	15%
Mitt Romney	38%	11%	9%	25%	62%	77%
Not sure	10%	2%	7%	9%	17%	9%





Crosstabs

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Economy?						
Barack Obama	50%	89%	88%	63%	19%	12%
Mitt Romney	46%	11%	9%	30%	79%	86%
Not sure	3%	-	3%	7%	2%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Trust More on Libya?						
Barack Obama	53%	89%	91%	69%	20%	12%
Mitt Romney	44%	11%	9%	27%	76%	86%
Not sure	2%	-	-	3%	4%	2%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Generic Leg. Ballot						
Democratic	48%	85%	84%	60%	19%	10%
Republican	42%	8%	8%	25%	74%	85%
Not sure	10%	7%	8%	16%	7%	5%

	Base	Ideology				
		Very liberal	Somewhat liberal	Moderate	Somewhat conservative	Very conservative
Voter Enthusiasm						
Very excited	64%	77%	58%	57%	64%	75%
Somewhat excited	27%	19%	36%	29%	27%	18%
Not at all excited	9%	4%	7%	14%	9%	8%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama Approval			
Approve	51%	55%	47%
Disapprove	47%	44%	51%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Romney Favorability			
Favorable	48%	47%	49%
Unfavorable	49%	51%	48%
Not sure	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney			
Barack Obama	51%	54%	47%
Mitt Romney	47%	44%	49%
Undecided	2%	1%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Johnson Favorability			
Favorable	10%	9%	11%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	17%
Not sure	76%	81%	72%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Obama/Romney/Johnson			
Barack Obama	49%	53%	46%
Mitt Romney	46%	44%	49%
Gary Johnson	2%	1%	3%
Undecided	2%	2%	3%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Amendment 64			
For	53%	50%	55%
Against	43%	46%	40%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal			
Legal	53%	49%	56%
Illegal	42%	46%	38%
Not sure	6%	5%	6%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Who Won Debate ?			
Barack Obama	51%	54%	49%
Mitt Romney	38%	37%	39%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Economy?			
Barack Obama	50%	54%	47%
Mitt Romney	46%	43%	49%
Not sure	3%	3%	4%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Trust More on Libya?			
Barack Obama	53%	58%	49%
Mitt Romney	44%	40%	49%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Generic Leg. Ballot			
Democratic	48%	53%	43%
Republican	42%	38%	46%
Not sure	10%	9%	11%

	Base	Gender	
		Woman	Man
Voter Enthusiasm			
Very excited	64%	68%	59%
Somewhat excited	27%	24%	30%
Not at all excited	9%	8%	11%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	88%	12%	50%
Disapprove	47%	11%	87%	45%
Not sure	2%	1%	1%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	48%	15%	87%	42%
Unfavorable	49%	84%	12%	53%
Not sure	3%	1%	2%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	51%	88%	12%	51%
Mitt Romney	47%	11%	87%	43%
Undecided	2%	1%	1%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	10%	10%	8%	14%
Unfavorable	13%	15%	15%	9%
Not sure	76%	75%	77%	77%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	49%	86%	12%	50%
Mitt Romney	46%	11%	85%	42%
Gary Johnson	2%	1%	2%	4%
Undecided	2%	2%	1%	5%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Amendment 64				
For	53%	68%	32%	58%
Against	43%	27%	65%	36%
Undecided	5%	5%	4%	6%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal				
Legal	53%	67%	32%	59%
Illegal	42%	28%	63%	34%
Not sure	6%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Who Won Debate?				
Barack Obama	51%	83%	15%	53%
Mitt Romney	38%	10%	76%	31%
Not sure	10%	7%	9%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	50%	86%	12%	49%
Mitt Romney	46%	12%	86%	43%
Not sure	3%	2%	2%	7%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Trust More on Libya?				
Barack Obama	53%	89%	14%	54%
Mitt Romney	44%	10%	84%	42%
Not sure	2%	1%	3%	4%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	48%	86%	11%	42%
Republican	42%	8%	85%	36%
Not sure	10%	6%	4%	22%

	Base	Party		
		Democrat	Republican	Independent/Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	64%	64%	70%	55%
Somewhat excited	27%	28%	23%	31%
Not at all excited	9%	8%	8%	14%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama Approval				
Approve	51%	64%	47%	68%
Disapprove	47%	34%	52%	27%
Not sure	2%	3%	1%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Romney Favorability				
Favorable	48%	38%	52%	30%
Unfavorable	49%	61%	46%	61%
Not sure	3%	1%	2%	9%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney				
Barack Obama	51%	65%	46%	69%
Mitt Romney	47%	34%	52%	25%
Undecided	2%	0%	2%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Johnson Favorability				
Favorable	10%	14%	9%	12%
Unfavorable	13%	10%	14%	16%
Not sure	76%	76%	77%	72%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Obama/Romney/Johnson				
Barack Obama	49%	60%	46%	67%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	50%	29%
Gary Johnson	2%	2%	2%	-
Undecided	2%	3%	2%	4%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Amendment 64				
For	53%	50%	51%	72%
Against	43%	45%	44%	22%
Undecided	5%	5%	5%	6%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal				
Legal	53%	50%	51%	72%
Illegal	42%	42%	44%	21%
Not sure	6%	9%	5%	7%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Who Won Debate ?				
Barack Obama	51%	65%	48%	58%
Mitt Romney	38%	30%	41%	25%
Not sure	10%	6%	10%	16%





Crosstabs

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Trust More on Economy?				
Barack Obama	50%	60%	47%	71%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	50%	27%
Not sure	3%	6%	3%	2%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Trust More on Libya?				
Barack Obama	53%	65%	50%	71%
Mitt Romney	44%	33%	48%	28%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	1%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Generic Leg. Ballot				
Democratic	48%	63%	44%	61%
Republican	42%	29%	46%	28%
Not sure	10%	8%	10%	11%

	Base	Race		
		Hispanic	White	Other
Voter Enthusiasm				
Very excited	64%	62%	64%	60%
Somewhat excited	27%	22%	27%	33%
Not at all excited	9%	16%	8%	7%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama Approval					
Approve	51%	62%	50%	52%	42%
Disapprove	47%	35%	48%	47%	56%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Romney Favorability					
Favorable	48%	38%	48%	46%	58%
Unfavorable	49%	58%	49%	52%	39%
Not sure	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	50%	53%	41%
Mitt Romney	47%	35%	47%	46%	56%
Undecided	2%	5%	3%	1%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Johnson Favorability					
Favorable	10%	22%	9%	8%	8%
Unfavorable	13%	7%	14%	15%	14%
Not sure	76%	71%	77%	77%	78%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Obama/Romney/Johnson					
Barack Obama	49%	57%	50%	51%	41%
Mitt Romney	46%	34%	46%	45%	56%
Gary Johnson	2%	5%	1%	2%	1%
Undecided	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Amendment 64					
For	53%	73%	53%	54%	38%
Against	43%	25%	42%	42%	55%
Undecided	5%	2%	5%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Marijuana Use Legal/Illegal					
Legal	53%	71%	50%	56%	40%
Illegal	42%	27%	42%	40%	54%
Not sure	6%	2%	8%	4%	7%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Who Won Debate ?					
Barack Obama	51%	60%	51%	53%	44%
Mitt Romney	38%	33%	40%	37%	41%
Not sure	10%	6%	9%	10%	15%





Crosstabs

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Economy?					
Barack Obama	50%	63%	50%	51%	42%
Mitt Romney	46%	37%	47%	44%	54%
Not sure	3%	-	3%	5%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Trust More on Libya?					
Barack Obama	53%	64%	53%	55%	43%
Mitt Romney	44%	33%	46%	42%	53%
Not sure	2%	2%	1%	3%	4%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Generic Leg. Ballot					
Democratic	48%	62%	47%	49%	39%
Republican	42%	31%	42%	41%	52%
Not sure	10%	7%	11%	10%	9%

	Base	Age			
		18 to 29	30 to 45	46 to 65	Older than 65
Voter Enthusiasm					
Very excited	64%	67%	58%	67%	62%
Somewhat excited	27%	27%	31%	25%	26%
Not at all excited	9%	7%	11%	8%	12%

